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Lamorinda Baseball Advances to NCS Finals



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All three Lamorinda high school baseball programs advanced to the final rounds of the North Coast Section tournament. Both Campolindo and Acalanes competed for the NCS title on June 6 and June 7 respectively, after the press deadline.

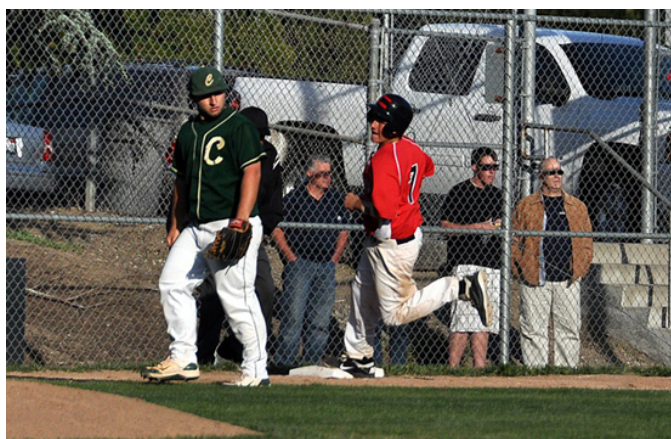
Campolindo captured the DFAL title finishing atop the standing. The Cougars, competing in division II, were rewarded for their 15-8-1 record with a four-seed. The Cougars took the NCS title last season and looked to repeat this year. Campolindo opened the tournament with a game against local Concord High School and narrowly escaped with a 2-1 victory. With the win, Campolindo was pitted against Casa Grande and again the Cougars won by a one run, 4-3. On Thursday, June 2, it took Campolindo extra innings to defeat Alameda 2-1. Campolindo played for the championship on June 6 against #2 Clayton Valley.

Both Miramonte and Acalanes competed in division III play. Miramonte came in third in the DFAL behind Las Lomas while Acalanes came in sixth out of seven. With a 17-7 record, the Matadors took the #2 seed while Acalanes was given the #3 seed with a 14-10 record.

Miramonte also looked to repeat as NCS champions. The Mats opened tournament play with a 17-0 blasting of #15 Hercules. They continued their route in the next round, defeating Alhambra handily 10-0. Miramonte then met up with Acalanes in the semi-finals on Thursday, June 2. The Dons shocked the Matadors with an 11-8 upset.

The Dons reached the finals having defeated John F. Kennedy 3-1 in the opening round, and Sir Francis Drake 9-1 in the second round. They then knocked off Lamorinda rival Miramonte to reach the finals. The Dons played #1 San Marin on June 7.

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